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A STRONG SERMON

Was That of Rev. W. E. Henry Last Sunday.

Baccalaureate Sermon to Graduates of Kentucky Normal College Enjoyed by Large Audience.

The Commencement season was happily and appropriately inaugurated on Sunday evening last with baccalaureate services in the South-Methodist church. The building was full to overflowing with the students of the Kentucky Normal College and the representative people of this city, every available seat being taken long before the beginning of the interesting features which characterized the service. The church was increased by members of the choir of the M. E. Church began the exercises with the singing of an anthem.

Prof. Kennison, who had charge of the program, then announced the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name," which was heartily sung by the choir and the big audience. The Rev. Dr. Hanford, of the M. E. church followed with prayer. A solo and chorus were then sung by the choir. Mr. Will Cain rendering the solo part. After this the 53rd chapter of Isaiah was read by the speaker of the evening, the Rev. W. E. Henry, of the Baptist Church, Parkersburg, W. Va. Then a duet was sung by Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace and Mrs. L. S. Johnson, concluding the introductory exercises. The Rev. W. E. Henry was then, in a few appropriate words, presented to his waiting audience. Mr. Henry made a few remarks by way of introduction, and in these remarks he made his intelligent audience feel that the faculty of the college had made no mistake in securing the speaker to deliver the sermon on this interesting occasion. Mr. Henry said that there were times when he felt the college fever rise in him, and the commencement season was one of them. Hence, he said, when the request came from the Kentucky Normal College that he would come and speak to the graduating class he found it easy to give an affirmative answer. He said that he would take as a foundation for his address or sermon the 11th verse of the 15th chapter of St. John's gospel: "These things have I spoken unto you, that your joy might be full."

Although it has been said of the Savior that He was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, the speaker had no doubt that Jesus found joy while on earth. He believed that He found a joy in simply living. His human nature loved the song of the birds, and the beauty and fragrance of flowers. He found pleasure in looking at the mountain and the sea, the beauty of sky and field. Jesus also found a joy in knowing. Much of what we know only in part, if at all, Jesus knew wholly, and this knowledge must have been a source of great joy. But the joy of living and knowing was small compared with what Jesus must have felt in doing and giving. What a delight He must have felt in saying to the dead, "Arise"; in commanding the lame and halt to walk; in giving sight to the blind. What must have been His joy when He touched the foul, unclean leper who groveled at his feet, and the loathsome outcast became again whole; and what must have been His supreme delight when He took those few small loaves and fishes and after crumbling them with His fingers fed that great multitude. The young men and young women of the graduating class might easily infer from the speaker's remarks along his line that they, too, could have this joy in living, in knowing, in doing and in giving.

In speaking of self-denial as a trait of character Mr. Henry made a nice distinction between self-denial and denial of self, beautifully illustrating by incident the nobility, and grandeur of character of some who that others might live. He also strove to inspire the young

people before him to high endeavor. "Excelors" should be their watchword and their motto. They might as did the hero of Longfellow's sublime story, perish in their attempt to scale the Alpine heights of achievement and fame, but the story of their courage and perseverance would ring through ages.

Mr. Henry's masterly and helpful discourse lasted a short forty-five minutes, and he was listened to with profound attention. All who heard him, the class especially, must have felt an uplift and an incentive to better and nobler things.

The program ended with prayer and benediction by the Rev. L. M. Copley.

Recent Marriages.

The most recent marriages in Lawrence county are these: On May 10 Lace Sammons to Nancy Mills, the Rev. Joel Sammons officiating.

On May 8 by the Rev. E. V. Perry, B. Riffe to Miss Ida Shortridge. Lem Graham was married on the same day to Miss Bertie Cooper. The Rev. David Sturgill was the uniting minister.

Also on the 7th, by the same, Miss Tennessee Stephens and Henry Tillson, all of Calmes creek.

In this city on the 12th Mrs. Nannie Chapman to James M. Helmsley, the Rev. Dr. Hanford officiating. This was the third venture for the groom and the second for the bride.

Marriage license was issued on Wednesday to Arnolpus Carter and Mary Jane Rice.

Died After a Brief Illness.

Mrs. A. W. Blackburn died at her home on left fork of Little Blaine last Tuesday night, after an illness of only a few days. A few days ago she was lifting a heavy weight, when, to use her words, she felt something give away. She immediately became very ill, grew worse rapidly and died as before stated.

KIDNAPPERS OF WHITLA BOY

Convicted and Sentenced to Prison for Long Terms.

Those who have in mind the recent kidnapping of Willie Whitla and the arrest of Boyle and his wife for the offense, will be glad to hear of their swift trial and condign punishment.

James H. Boyle was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Western penitentiary at Pittsburg. Mrs. Boyle indicted as *Nam Doe*, received a sentence of twenty-five years, with a fine of \$5,000 and the costs of the prosecution.

Boyle did not create the scene in court he had threatened and did not utter a word prior to his sentence. His counsel, however, made a plea for both Boyle and his wife, asking for leniency in both cases.

He stated that until a recent period the extreme penalty for kidnapping in this State was ten years and in view of the fact that the boy had been treated with every consideration, and that all care had been taken not to inflict unnecessary mental anguish upon the parents, he felt leniency might be asked for.

Both Boyle and his wife collapsed completely upon hearing their sentences pronounced. When they were started back to the jail from the court room Boyle managed to walk with assistance down the steps, but upon reaching the front door he became limp and unable to stand.

He was lifted into the old-fashioned omnibus, in which the prisoners have been transported between the court-house and the jail. When he was placed upon the seat inside the vehicle, he was left for a moment unsupported and fell nearly out of it before he was caught. He had to be carried to his cell.

Mrs. Boyle was in even worse condition. She was unable to walk down the steps from the courthouse to the street, and was carried by the Sheriff and Chief of Police down three flights of stairs. She was lifted into the omnibus, and when the jail was reached she was again lifted out by the officers and carried to her cell where she wept violently.

JURY DISAGREED

In Case of Commonwealth vs. Dr. F. D. Marcum.

Eight Voted for Acquittal and Four for Conviction. Continued to Next Term.

The case of the Commonwealth against Dr. Fred Marcum charged with the killing of John Whittaker, and which had occupied the attention of the court for several days was given to the jury at the conclusion of the argument of John W. Waugh for the State. This was about nine o'clock on Thursday night. After having been out about one hour the jury reported their inability to agree and Court adjourned until Friday morning. At ten o'clock the jury reported that they were hopelessly unable to agree upon a verdict and the Judge ordered the discharge of the jury and a re-trial at the next term of the Court. Eight of the jury were for the acquittal of the accused and four were for his conviction for manslaughter.

The case has been appealed to the Court of Appeals by the Commonwealth's attorney for the purpose of having that tribunal pass upon and define the law as given by Judge Hannah in his instructions to the jury. It is regarding instructions five and six that the opinion of the Appellate Court is particularly desired. This is upon the question of the right and power of Marshal Marcum to arrest Whittaker on the train upon the information given to him by Conductor Blevins concerning the conduct of said Whittaker while on the train. So far as we can ascertain this is the first case in which such instructions have been given or asked for in the State of Kentucky, thus making Judge Hannah the pioneer along this line.

The decision of the Court of Appeals will be a most important one and will be anxiously awaited by the legal profession throughout the State. It is hoped that a decision will be made before the next term of the Lawrence Circuit Court.

A New Bakery For Louisa.

Hamilton Brothers have leased F. H. Yates' building at the corner of Main and Water streets and will establish a bakery and confectionery business therein.

They are natives of Lawrence county Ohio, and are practical, sober young men. They have selected Louisa as the most desirable and promising location available after having made a careful investigation of many openings. Having decided to locate here permanently they should receive the encouragement and patronage of all our citizens. They expect to ship their products up both forks of the river and will have advantages over points below in supplying fresh bread to all the up-river territory.

As soon as their furnace and other equipment arrives they will put it in place and open for business.

On Peremptory Instructions.

The case of O. B. Stump against the C. & O. railway, asking damages for the killing of his wife by the train near Buchanan, was on peremptory instructions of the court, decided in favor of the defendant.

The plaintiff has previously brought suit for \$20,000 in the Federal Court, but this was withdrawn, and one for \$2,000 filed in the circuit court of this county.

The Huntington Election.

The municipal election up at Huntington Tuesday resulted in a split—both the Democrats and Republicans being victorious, each electing two of the four members of the Board of Commissioners, which, under the new charter, takes the place of the old City Council. Those elected are:

Rufus Switzer and John Coon,

Democrats; Floyd S. Chapman and Lester A. Pollock, Republicans. However, Switzer polling the highest vote, will be Mayor of the city, which gives the Democrats a shade the best of it in the divided victory.

These men are recognized as being "wet," and for that reason it is counted a "wet" victory—meaning the saloons will be licensed to continue business in our neighboring city.

On the evening before the election Floyd S. Chapman, Republican, and John Coon, Democrat, were arrested on warrants charging them with buying up certain election officers.

They were given a speedy trial and both acquitted. The fight has been the most bitter ever waged in the State.

The Last Feudist.

"Bill" Hatfield, of Pike county, the last of the Hatfield-McCoy feud of Pike county, one of the most famous of the bloody Kentucky feuds, has been paroled by the prison Commission. He was sentenced to the penitentiary eleven years ago on the charge of murder, although the crime was alleged to have been committed eighteen years before he was arrested.

After the fight in which he is alleged to have killed one of the McCoy's, Hatfield went to Virginia and remained there for seventeen years, but returned to Kentucky about the time that the trouble broke out afresh among the feudists.

He had reared a family, and was living in peace and contentment when he was arrested and sentenced to the penitentiary for murder. He made a model prisoner. Other convicts paroled are:

Tilden Stone, Knott county, manslaughter, twenty-one years, served two and one-half years.

Bill Tom Hatfield, Pike county, murder, life. Served nine years.

Floyd Cantrell, Pike county, murder, life; served five and one-half years.

DAVID DELONG KILLED.

Caught by a Rolling Saw Log and Almost Instant Death Results.

David Delong, of Martin County, was killed near the Breaks of Sandy last Friday by a log rolling over him.

He was in the employ of the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, and at the time of the accident was assisting in unloading a logging train. The logs were being run into the Levisa fork of Big Sandy river at a point opposite the mouth of Pound river in Virginia. A tram road brings the logs to the river at that point. Mr. Delong died in twelve minutes after the accident.

Mr. Delong had been a faithful employee of this company filling many important positions. His father and his people live in Martin county and his body was sent there for burial.

The victim of this accident was about 35 years old and unmarried. He was a son of Hon. J. P. Delong, who represented the counties of Martin and Johnson in the Kentucky Legislature a few years ago. Miss Little Delong, formerly a teacher in the Kentucky Normal College at this place, is a sister of the man who was killed.

Circuit Court.

Court may adjourn to day until the fall term. No cases of general interest were considered this week. The session has from the beginning been a busy one, and, considering the time taken up by the Marcum trial, much was done. That trial began on a Thursday and was not finished until the following Thursday night.

The appealed case of Frank Pigg against M. W. Chambers for possession of the restaurant room now in use by the former, Pigg won.

Michael Stanton, a prominent retired distiller, and former member of the board of Ohio penitentiary managers, died at the Athens Asylum last week. Mr. Stanton was well known up this valley and was at one time a regular visitor to this section. He was active in Democratic politics.

K. N. C. PROGRAM.

Closing Exercises of Commencement Week.

Diplomas Will be Awarded Friday Evening of This Week at the Court House.

The Commencement exercises of the graduating class of 1909, Kentucky Normal College, will be held in the Court House this evening beginning at half past seven o'clock. The class numbers eight who have completed different courses, but all graduate at the same time and will receive their various degrees. The class is composed of the following: Fred T. Boch, of Yards, Va., Leander C. Caldwell, Culbertson, Ky., Allen C. Davis, Culbertson, Ky., Paul J. Frazier, Fort Gay, W. Va., Margaret M. Lackey, Louisa, Edgar W. Pendleton, Louisa, Edward K. Spencer, Louisa, Allen H. Turman, Buchanan, Ky. To all of these the degree of Bachelor of Science will be given. The degree of Bachelor of Arts will also be conferred upon Messrs Boch, Davis, Pendleton and Spencer, and Miss Lackey.

The following is the program of the evening.

Music.
Invocation.
Music.
Old Things and New. (Salutatory.) Edward K. Spencer.
Some American Humorists. Allen H. Turman.
The Ringed Planet. Paul J. Frazier.
Poe and His Works. Leander Cox Caldwell.
A Century of Temperance Organization. T. Fred Boch.
Music.
The English Language. Edgar W. Pendleton.
Class Prophecy. Margaret Moore Lackey.
The Lady of the Lake. (Valedictory) Allen C. Davis.
Music.
Presentation of Diplomas.
President Walter M. Byington.
Music.
Benediction.

The pleasing events of to-night have been the subject of great interest for some time, and the friends of the young graduates and of the K. N. C. will see to it that the Court House, the scene of so many important and interesting events, will be crowded with people.

Death of Mrs. Jas. Sowards of Pikeville

Mrs. James M. Sowards died at her home in Pikeville last Thursday, after a very short illness. She was the daughter of the late Judge A. J. Auxier and a niece of Mrs. Cynthia Stewart, of Louisa.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan attended the funeral.

Mrs. Sowards was recognized as one of the best women in Pikeville. Accomplished and energetic, she was from early womanhood prominently identified with all the good movements of her native town, and her death is a serious loss to that community. She was the only daughter of Judge Auxier. Her mother and three brothers, husband and three children survive. A baby born two days before the death of Mrs. Sowards was buried with her. The ages of the surviving children are 18, 14 and 7 years.

Cleveland Queen Dies in New Mexico.

William Queen, the livery man of this place, received a telegram on Tuesday informing him of the death of his brother, Cleveland Queen, at Silver City, New Mexico, and asking what disposition should be made of the body. Orders were immediately sent to send the body to Ashland where it will be met by relatives and taken to the Queen home place on East Fork for interment. The remains will probably reach Ashland to-morrow. Young Queen joined the army nearly three years ago, enlisting at the recruiting station at this place. Not long after his enlistment

he showed evidences of consumption and he was discharged from the service. Some time ago he went to the Government hospital at Silver City for treatment and it was thought he was improving. In fact he had written home that he was coming back, and his arrival was expected when the news of his death shocked his friends and relatives here. Besides William, there is a brother named Herbert, who is employed at Torchlight.

Cleveland Queen is the third of the family to die away from home. His mother died suddenly at Nelsonville, O., several years ago, and a brother was killed by an N. & W. train at Portsmouth about a year ago. He was a brakeman on the road and had served only five days.

At the Point of Death.

The aged wife of John Picklesimer is lying at the point of death at her residence in this city. About ten days ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time has rapidly failed. She is seventy-nine years old, but up to the recent attack she seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Her son, James Henry Picklesimer, of Franklin Furnace, O., and Mr. Picklesimer's youngest brother, Philip Picklesimer of Mud Lick, Johnson county, are here, at the bedside of their aged relative.

Charged With Forgery.

The late grand jury of the Lawrence Circuit Court indicted Marion Damron for the crime of forgery. The indictment was returned on Saturday, and on Monday night Damron left the State, followed by his wife and household effects a day or two later. They are at Jager, W. Va. Damron is said to have forged a signature to a receipt for a bill of goods, also with having forged an affidavit filed in one of the inferior Courts.

BUSINESS HOUSES LEASED.

Singer Company Succeeds Nash & Herr, Who Will Take Burgess Building.

Nash & Herr, the clothing merchants have rented the fine store room just being completed by Dr. T. D. Burgess and will move into it as soon as completed. They expect to occupy it by June 1st.

The room in the Snyder building which Nash & Herr will vacate has been leased for five years by the Singer Sewing Machine Company, who will at once open an important office here. This will be headquarters for a force working a district composed of seven counties. Fifteen persons will be employed. The office and district will be under the direct charge of Mr. Wheeler, a Magoffin county man who has been with the company for several years. This will be quite a desirable addition to Louisa's enterprises.

Sun Spots.

The astronomy class of the Kentucky Normal College has been making a study of sun spots recently. On last Tuesday the class observed a group of eight spots, of which the largest was measured by the class and found to be about 33300 miles long and more than half as wide. These spots are supposed to be immense openings in the sun's atmosphere; and the one measured Tuesday was long enough and wide enough to allow eight globes each the size of the earth, arranged side by side in a double row, to be dropped into it without touching the sides of the spot. Such observations suggest something of the grandeur of astronomy.

Burgled For Beer.

One night last week some thirsty soul or souls forced an entrance into the baggage room of the C. & O. depot and feloniously took, stole, carried away and used for irrigation purposes about six dozen bottles of beer. The stuff had been awaiting an owner for several days.